

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims remaining in the application are 1-8, 13-19, 21, and 24-30.

The claims have been amended to meet the previous objections of the Examiner.

It is noted that the Examiner has not specifically stated that the cited art discloses or makes obvious a hydrocarbon fuel gas mixture which includes 90 percent by volume of a mixture of methylacetylene, propadiene and propylene and 10 percent by volume of propane. However, the Examiner does contend that applicant does not specify the proportions of methylacetylene, propadiene and propylene in the gas mixture making it impossible to convert the claimed volume percents to weight percents.

Applicant respectfully submits that the patent law places no obligation on applicant to assist the Examiner in converting the claimed volume percents to weight percents.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in a spirit of cooperation, applicant states the following.

There are a plethora of proportions in the 90 percent by volume of a mixture of methylacetylene, propadiene and propylene, which permit the gas to also contain 10 percent by volume of propane. For example, the methylacetylene and propadiene may comprise 43 percent by volume, the propylene may comprise 47% by volume, and the propane may comprise 10 percent by volume. Such example should permit the Examiner to convert the claimed volume percents to weight percents, but again it is respectfully submitted that the patent law places no obligation on the applicant to assist the Examiner in converting volume percents to weight percents.

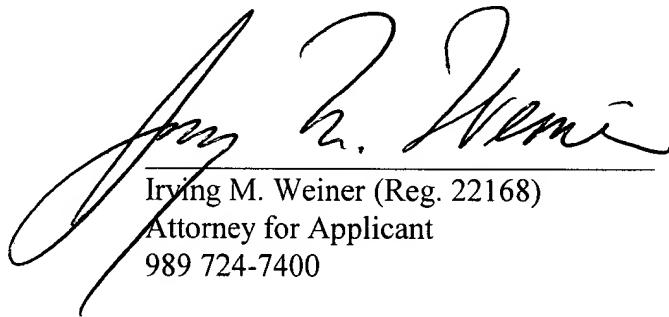
It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner does not believe that the application is in condition for allowance, then it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant in an effort to facilitate the prosecution and/or to narrow the issues for appeal, if necessary.

The present amendment is being submitted with a Request For Continued Examination, and a Form PTO-2038 to cover the fees therefor.

Favorable reconsideration respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

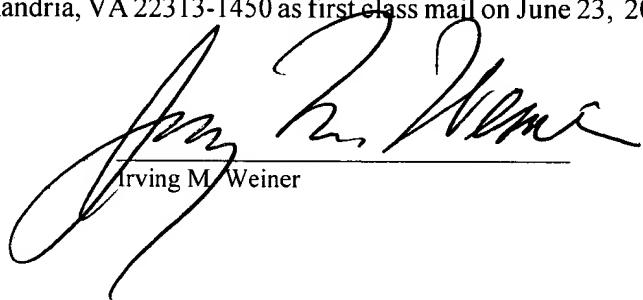


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